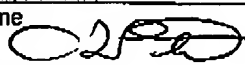


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Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 8/2/2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Claims 41-68 are pending in the present application.

Consideration of these amendments and the remarks provided herein are respectfully requested.